

**Amendments to the Drawings**

Please find attached a replacement Figure 13. Replacement Figure 13 amends the text in block 328 to read “Fill in Empty Stages”, as requested by the Examiner.

**Remarks/Arguments**

Applicants have received the Notice of Allowance mailed May 12, 2010. Favorable consideration of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

***Drawings***

In paragraph 1 of the Examiner Comments accompanying the Notice of Allowance, the Examiner states that a new corrected drawing is required because, in Figure 13, the block “328” should be corrected to read: “Fill in Empty Stages”. Attached hereto is a replacement Figure 13 that amends the text of block 328 to read “Fill in Empty Stages”, as requested by the Examiner.

***Examiner’s Amendment***

The undersigned agrees with the Examiner’s Amendments to the claims as set forth in paragraph 3 of the Comments accompanying the Notice of Allowance.

This amendment assumes that the Examiner’s Amendments to the claims have been entered.

The undersigned also agrees with the Examiner’s Amendments to the specification, as set forth in paragraph 4 of the Comments accompanying the Notice of Allowance. However, it is believed that an additional amendment should be made on page 9 of the Specification, namely, on page 9, line 14, “COLD WATER BYPASS AND FIRING RATE CONTROL” should be replaced with –FORWARD CALCULATION ENERGY AUGMENTATION METHOD, now U.S. Patent No. 6,904,874–. This additional amendment has been made in the Amendments to the Specification section above.

***Comment on Statement of Reasons For Allowance***

The Examiner’s Statement of Reasons for Allowance in paragraph 6 of the Comments accompanying the Notice of Allowance appears to address many of the elements of the independent claims, but does not appear to address all of the elements and/or all of the claims. Applicants believe that the Examiner did not intend to provide a complete and thorough analysis of why each and every allowed claim was found to be patentable over the cited art. The Examiner did state that all pending claims are allowable over the prior art. Thus, the Examiner must have concluded that the claims as allowed are patentable over the prior art, and not

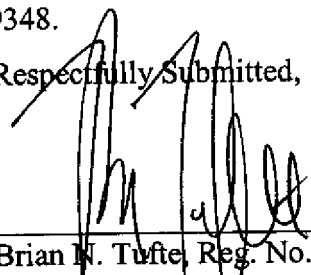
necessarily for only those reasons summarized in the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance. Applicant respectfully request clarification if the Examiner does not agree with this statement.

***Conclusion***

In view of the foregoing, it is believed that the present application should now pass to issuance. If a telephone conference would be of assistance, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned attorney at 612-359-9348.

Respectfully Submitted,

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